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127.	Shri	Dwarka Ram	Technical Assistant
128.	Shri	Rakesh Kumar	Head Clerk
129.	Shri	Gaya Prasad Rathore	Havildar
130.	Shri	Randhir Singh-III	Havildar
131.	Shri	Chhote Amir Ali	Havildar
132.	Shri	N.A. Khan	Investigating Inspector (Vigilance)
133.	Shri	A.K. Mendiratta	Investigating Inspector (Vigilance)

Decrease in goods transportation through Railways

†4458. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether any assessment of decrease in rail freight and passenger traffic due to construction of super express highway has been made;

(b) If so, the strategy of Railways to deal with it and if not, the reasons for not formulating any strategy; and

(c) the goods had earlier also been transported through roads instead of rails, the extent of loss to be suffered by Railways now due to better roads and vehicles, speedily transporting goods and passengers?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA): (a) No, Sir,

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Action on payment of dues and compassionate appointment

†4459. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of applications received by Government till January, 2003 from Members of Parliament for making payments of dues and giving appointment on compassionate grounds to the dependents of the deceased/disappeared employees of Northern Railway;

(b) the action taken by Government on all such applications so that proper benefits can be availed by the dependents; and

†Original notice of the question was reveived in Hindi.

(c) the reasons for delay ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA):

(a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the Sabha.

Transportation of foodgrains to Karnataka

4460. SHRI K.B. KRISHNA MURTHY : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) the number of wagons required to transport foodgrains under various schemes of Government to different parts of Karnataka;

(b) how may wagons have, so far, been despatched; and

(c) whether railway would despatch more wagons to expedite transportation of foodgrains in Northern Karnataka districts which are facing severe drought?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) and (b) The Food Corporation of India (F.C.I) has given a programme of movement of 109 foodgrain rakes for Karnataka for the month of April, 2003. Upto 28th April 2003, the Railways have loaded 110 rakes for transportation of foodgrains to Karnataka for Public Distribution System (P.D.S.) and other welfare schemes.

(c) Railways co-ordinate with F.C.I to ensure availability of adequate foodgrains in Karnataka.

Fast train between Amritsar and Chandigarh

4461. SHRI SUKHBIR SINGH : Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state :

(a) whether Railways propose to introduce the fast train to link Amritsar—Chandigarh and whether any survey has been conducted in this regard :

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when it is likely to be introduced; and

(c) if not, the reasons therefore?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI BANDARU DATTATRAYA) : (a) There is no such proposal at present.